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Double Homicide Investigation

The Birmingham Police Department reports detectives are conducting a double homicide investigation. The incident occurred on Sunday, April 3, 2022 at 4909 Hillman Drive SW.

The victims have been identified as:

Cynthia Burt, 62-year-old b/f, of Birmingham, Alabama.

Desmond Burt, 3 year-old-male, of Birmingham, Alabama.

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At approximately 5:12 p.m., officers from the West Precinct were dispatched to a welfare check at the location. Upon arrival officers received information from a family members who was unable to contact their loved one at the residence. Birmingham Police along with Birmingham Fire and Rescue executed a forced entry into the residence. Officers discovered a Cynthia Burt and her grandson Desmond Burt unresponsive in a back room. Both were pronounced deceased by Birmingham Fire and Rescue.

The preliminary investigation indicates injuries sustained by both victims lead detectives to classify this investigation as a homicide. A person of interest has been taken into custody and being questioned by detectives. Updates will be provided as this case develops.

This is Birmingham's 30th and 31st murder investigation of 2022 with 3 justifiable death investigation.

The Birmingham Police Department adheres to FBI Uniform Crime Reporting guidelines set for all law enforcement agencies across the United States. FBI Uniform Crime Reporting guidelines do not require law enforcement agencies to include justifiable death investigations into the total homicide investigations counts.

The information is based on a preliminary and ongoing investigation, which continues to evolve as investigators interview witnesses, review physical and electronic records, and analyze forensic evidence. The Department's understanding of the facts and circumstances may change as additional evidence is collected and analyzed